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SUBJECT: U.S. PARTICIPATION IN CHIANG KAI-SHEK FUNERAL

REF: TAIPEI 1791 (NOT SENT TOKYO)

1. NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF U.S. REPRESENTATION AT CHIANG KAI-SHEK FUNERAL CAN BE MADE UNTIL WHITE HOUSE FINAL DECISION IS RELEASED. WE WILL INFORM TAIPEI AT ONCE WHEN THAT OCCURS.

2. ZURHELLEN AND LEVIN MET APRIL 8 WITH SECRETARY BUTZ AND HIS STAFF. SECRETARY UNDERTOOK TO APPROACH WHITE HOUSE TO GET DECISION AND ANNOUNCEMENT ASAP OF DELEGATION.

3. ON ASSUMPTION BUTZ WILL BE PRESIDENTIAL REPRESENTATIVE, HE WAS ADVISED IT WOULD BE BEST TO TRAVEL TO TAIPEI WITHOUT INTERVENING STOP IN ANY OTHER COUNTRY. HE CONCURRED THAT THIS WAS BEST PLAN. HE ASKED IF THERE WERE POLICY REASONS THAT WOULD PREVENT A BRIEF STOPOVER IN TOKYO ON WAY BACK FROM TAIPEI AND WAS TOLD THAT NO OBJECTION TO THIS WAS FORESEEN.

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4. SECRETARY BUTZ AGREED WITH IDEA THAT, ONCE HIS DESIGNATION AS PRESIDENTIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO FUNERAL HAS BEEN PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED, THERE WOULD BE A 24-HOUR INTERVAL BEFORE ANY ANNOUNCEMENT MADE OF INTENT TO STOP

OVER IN TOKYO ON RETURN TRIP. EMBASSY TOKYO PLEASE NOTE AND ENSURE THAT AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE FULLY UNDERSTANDS THIS.

5. IN EVENT HIS DESIGNATION, SECRETARY BUTZ TENTATIVELY PLANS LEAVE U.S. MORNING APRIL 13 TO ARRIVE TAIPEI LATE APRIL 14. EMBASSY TAIPEI SHOULD CONFIRM TO DEPARTMENT ASAP TIME REQUIRED FOR PARTY TO REMAIN IN TAIPEI. WE HAVE TENTATIVELY SUGGESTED TO BUTZ THAT APRIL 15 MIGHT BE OCCUPIED WITH CALLS ON GRC OFFICIALS, BUT NOTED THIS MIGHT HAVE TO BE DONE APRIL 17 IF CHINESE PREFER. HE IS PREPARED REMAIN IN TAIPEI THROUGH AFTERNOON APRIL 17 IF NECESSARY, WITH IDEA OF SPENDING APRIL 18 IN TOKYO.

6. REQUIRE INFORMATION URGENTLY ABOUT DRESS REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE ADVANCE PLANNING ON DELEGATION'S PART.

7. WHEN INFORMED THAT PRESS STORY HAD INDICATED HE MIGHT CONFER IN TAIWAN ON COTTON PROBLEM, SECRETARY BUTZ STATED HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT PROBLEM ALREADY PRACTICALLY CONCLUDED AND GAVE NO INDICATION INTENT TO DISCUSS THIS WITH CHINESE. KISSINGER

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